

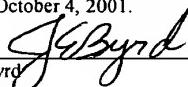


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Applicant: Chen et al. Examiner: UNASSIGNED  
Serial No.: 09/893,170 Group Art Unit: 2673  
Filed: June 27, 2001 Docket No.: 50037.11US01  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RECOVERING FROM A FAILED  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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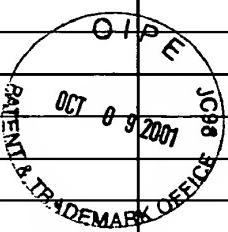
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